PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Hideyo OSANAI etal.

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APPARATUS, MOLD, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING METAL -

CERAMIC COMPOSITE MEMBER

CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified patent application on June 16, 2004.

The undersigned confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a provisional election was made to prosecute Group III, claims 7-9.

Said provisional election was specifically made with traverse since no basis therefor has been set forth in the written record.

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